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a reflecting member for reflecting a light of said point light source,

wherein said light reflected by said reflecting member is incident on at least said first side surface and said second side surface of said light guiding plate.

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12. (Amended) An illumination apparatus comprising:

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a light guiding plate having a first side surface, a second side surface, and a third side surface, wherein said first side surface is not perpendicular to said second side surface and said third side surface; and

a point light source adjacent to said first side surface, wherein a light emitted from said point light source is incident on said first side surface of said light guiding plate and exits through an upper surface or a lower surface of said light guiding plate.

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17. (Amended) An illumination apparatus comprising:

a first light guiding plate having a first side surface and a second side surface perpendicular to said first side surface;

a second light guiding plate having a first side surface, an upper surface, and a lower surface, said upper surface and said lower surface being perpendicular to said first surface, wherein

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said second light guiding plate is separate from said first light guiding plate; and

a point light source,

wherein a light emitted from said point light source is incident on a first side surface of said first light guiding plate and exit through a second side surface of said first light guiding plate, and

wherein said light exiting through said second side surface of said first light guiding plate is incident on said first side surface of said second light guiding plate, and exit through said upper surface or said lower surface of said second light guiding plate.

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23. (Amended) A liquid crystal display device comprising:

a liquid crystal panel comprising a first substrate, a second substrate, and a liquid crystal interposed therebetween; and

a illumination apparatus adjacent to said liquid crystal panel for illuminating an image display plane of said liquid crystal panel, said illumination apparatus comprising:

a first light guiding plate having a first side surface and a second side surface perpendicular to said first side surface;

a second light guiding plate having a first side surface, an upper surface, and a lower surface, said upper surface and said

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lower surface being perpendicular to said first surface, wherein said second light guiding plate is separate from said first light guiding plate; and

a point light source,

wherein a light emitted from said point light source is incident on a first surface of said first light guiding plate and exit through a second side surface of said first light guiding plate, and

wherein said light exiting through said second side surface of said first light guiding plate is incident on said first side surface of said second light guiding plate, and exit through said upper surface or said lower surface of said second light guiding plate.

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28. (Amended) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 23, wherein said liquid crystal display device is incorporated in at least one selected from the group consisting of a personal computer, a digital camera, a mobile telephone, a video camera, a mobile computer, a head mount display, a television, an electronic book, a player which use a recording medium, and a car navigation system.

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32. (Amended) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 29, wherein said liquid crystal display device is

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incorporated in at least one selected from the group consisting of a personal computer, a digital camera, a mobile telephone, a video camera, a mobile computer, a head mount display, a television, an electronic book, a player which use a recording medium, and a car navigation system.

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